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A NIWA diver swims over an infestation of the invasive exotic seaweed, caulerpa.



STOP *exotic invader* SPREADING

From MPI, images courtesy NIWA

Help stop the spread of invasive caulerpa seaweeds this summer.

Two different species of exotic (from overseas) caulerpa seaweeds were first discovered in New Zealand at Aotea Great Barrier Island in 2021. Since then, these two invasive seaweeds have been found at Ahuahu Great Mercury Island, Waiheke Island, Kawau Island, and in the Te Rāwhiti Inlet in the Bay of Islands.

Exotic caulerpa can spread rapidly, forming vast beds and potentially smothering native species. Since its

discovery, Biosecurity New Zealand has worked closely with mana whenua partners, local authorities and DOC to mount a comprehensive effort to understand the pest and its challenges, undertake surveillance to detect other infestations, trial treatments, and work to prevent its spread.

Work is currently underway trialling potential treatment techniques to build a national toolbox of information and methods to help communities with ongoing control of exotic caulerpa.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

At the time of writing this report we had, only the previous night, held our Club AGM with just 44 members in attendance. You have all received the annual report and will be aware of the proposed proceedings of the meeting – a summary of the meeting can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Outboarder.

It was advised that there will be a special information meeting soon to discuss clubhouse proposals and the proposed Constitution replacement.

One new member was elected to the Committee - Gareth Hughes, and two resignations - Greg Batkin and John Cochrane. Gareth has been a member since 2018, but has boated out of the OBC since 1989 with his family and father, Brian Hughes, a current Committee member. Gareth is a local business owner and father of three kids. He has had a 7.2m Buccaneer on the hardstand and recently bought a launch and Marina.

Greg has been on the Committee since 2018. His experience in corporate governance gained from a long exposure to operating companies and a career in the financial markets has been of immense value to the Executive Committee and the governance of the Club. Greg has put a lot of time into rewriting the Club's constitution which we will be presenting for consultation to Club members shortly. Greg has kindly offered to lead this consultation. I personally have valued Greg's support immensely. Greg is joining the exodus of Aucklanders to live on the southern shores of Lake Taupo.

John Cochrane has been on the Executive since 2020. While not such a long tenure John's impact at the Committee table has been to the point and provoking in the best possible sense. I have always appreciated his input. After many years in big corporates, John and his wife Susan have owned a number of small

businesses. John can very quickly cut through the waffle and offer clarity to a discussion.

We are fortunate to have a strong Committee that is committed to carefully guiding the Club through some interesting challenges in the near future.

- Phil Allen

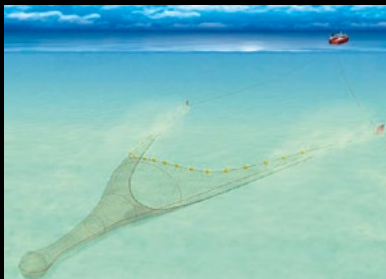
BOTTOM FISHING - SUBMISSIONS OPEN

Consultation on bottom fishing access zones in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park is now open.

Fisheries New Zealand would like to invite submissions on the consultation paper Bottom Fishing Access Zones in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.

The proposals seek to protect key seafloor habitats by excluding bottom trawling and Danish seining from the Hauraki Gulf, except within defined areas. Detailed information on the proposals, including the full consultation paper, frequently asked questions (FAQs), and instructions on how you can provide your feedback can be found on Fisheries New Zealand's website at: www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations/proposed-options-for-bottom-fishing-access-zones-in-the-hauraki-gulf

The closing time for submissions is 5.00pm on Monday 6 November 6, 2023.



BAY OF ISLANDS RĀHUI

A three-month fishing rāhui has been implemented in parts of the Bay of Islands for the fifth year. The rāhui period is from September 1 to December 31, coinciding with most fish and shellfish breeding seasons.

The rāhui covers the area from Tahapuke Bay to Kaiarara Island (Mill Island) and Toretore Island (Nobbys Island) and includes all upper harbour limits of Matauwhi Bay, Pomare Bay, Uruti Bay and Orongo Bay.

Feedback indicates previous rāhui have helped reinstate fishery stocks in the areas.

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An international group of experts in invasive seaweeds and their control has advised that a technique called suction dredging is the only potentially feasible method for control of large infestations on the scale we have in New Zealand. Biosecurity New Zealand is testing its effectiveness at Aotea and at Te Rāwhiti this spring.

While exotic caulerpa can break up and spread small distances on ocean currents, people boating, diving and fishing pose the greatest risk of spread over long distances to new locations. Fragments of the seaweed can get caught in anchor wells, on anchors and other vessel equipment and on fishing and diving gear, and be transported to other areas.

Here's some information so you can help:

- Know where exotic caulerpa is – check: www.biosecurity.govt.nz/caulerpa for maps, information about legal restrictions in some areas on some boating and fishing activities, what caulerpa looks like and how you can prevent spread.
- Areas with both legal controls (Controlled Area Notices) and rāhui that prevent anchoring and fishing activities are:
Aotea (Blind Bay, Whangaparapara Harbour and Tryphena Harbour);
the southwestern coastline of Ahuahu Great Mercury Island and;
Te Rāwhiti Inlet in the Bay of Islands.



Beach cast caulerpa at Blind Bay.

A rāhui is also in place at Waiheke Island 1km offshore from Thompson's Point and Onetangi Bay.

There is no rāhui or controlled area at Kawau Island but it's best to avoid anchoring at Iris Shoal.

- Respect the rules about anchoring and fishing in those areas.
- If you think you see exotic caulerpa, note the location, take a photo and report it to Biosecurity New Zealand on 0800 80 99 66 or online at report.mpi.govt.nz



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BUMPER QUIZ NIGHT

In another extremely close competition, it was the Birkdale Bumpers who walked away victorious at end of the August Quiz Night!

The Know It Ales were close behind, with just one point separating the two teams.

Our thanks to the fabulous OBC member Brendan, of Believe It or Not Quiz Events for hosting another great evening, and to all who attended.

Keep your eyes open for notification of the next OBC Quiz Night date.

Teams	PP	R1	R2	R3	R4	Lite	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total
1 Birkdale Bumpers	6	9	7	10	8	8	10	7	10	7	96
2 Know It Ales	10	9	7	10	7	4	9	7	8	10	95
3 Bottom Dwellers	8	9	8	10	5	4	10	9	8	7	92
4 What the Focle	10	9	6	5	4	5	6	10	10	7	86
5 Sea Faners	9	6	10	12	5	2	3	8	6	8	75
6 Sandy Bottoms	5	6	10	5	6	3	10	5	6	6	66

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AGM short and sweet

From Bill McGarry and Alistair Davidson, pics by Alistair Davidson

The 67th Annual General Meeting of the OBC was held on Monday September 11, with 44 financial members, plus guests, in attendance. A reasonable turnout given the miserable weather outside. In an unusual move, supper was put out prior to the meeting's start – hot savouries and drinks a pleasant contrast to the bleak night.

Commodore Phil Allen welcomed everyone, particularly our Club Patron, Hon Peter Salmon. Apologies were read and accepted, including those from Allan Duffy and Ken Miller due to major heart surgeries. The Club extends its best wishes for speedy recoveries to both. A moment's silence was called for Club members who had passed during the



Club Patron, Hon Peter Salmon (right), congratulates Jeff Porter on receiving the Marina Trophy for best presented launch for the 1930s-built and fully restored 'Miss Helen'.




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previous 12 months.

The minutes of the 66th AGM, and the Commodore's Report were both passed without comment and the meeting moved on to the Treasurer's Report. For those not aware, our Treasurer, Alan Tong, suffered a stroke late last year and has not been able to be as active as he would like. Fortunately, he is on the road to recovery. Alan continues to show a strong interest in the financial and governance matters of the Club, and we are grateful that he is willing to continue in the role of Treasurer. In Alan's absence, Kevin Best spoke to the accounts that had been circulated. There were no questions, and the Annual Accounts were also passed.

Kevin detailed the need for subscriptions to be increased by the annual consumers price index (CPI) of 7.2 percent. The Executive Committee recommended increases in the annual subscription fees, with the proposed 2023/24 fees (including GST) being:

Ordinary Member: \$450

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John Lawton (right) has worked tirelessly in his own time guiding the Club with regards to construction projects. He's now officially on the payroll: his company Lawton Building Ltd has been appointed project manager and will be securing three tenders for each aspect of the Club's ongoing work to "get a fair price for a fair job," said John, who received the Executive Trophy for his voluntary assistance.



The Levene's Marineland Trophy for the best prepared vessel was awarded to Charles Bryant for 'Lady Caribe'.



New committee member Gareth Hughes is welcomed aboard.

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The motion to increase the annual subscription was passed unanimously via a show of hands.

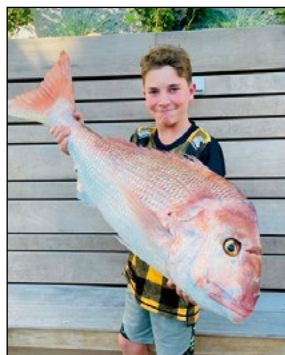
Kevin also spoke to the 2023/24 Budget which had been circulated to members. It was adopted without discussion.

Before moving onto the elections, the room heard from our Patron, who commented that he, "had been Patron for long enough to have a good idea what your Committee and Commodore do. A committee is important to the ongoing life of an organisation, they give up their time to serve, without that an organisation couldn't function. This one does function, and I'm impressed as always with the work they do, the decisions they make."

With two resignations and one nomination, there was no need for an election of officers. Gareth Hughes is the sole new Committee member; "a bit of young blood, good to see," said the Commodore, who also thanked all existing Committee members for their help and efforts. More Committee details can be found in the Commodore's Report and the Executive and Staff photo spread in this issue of the Outboarder.

Auditors were re-elected unopposed and then it was time to recognise the successes of some individual Club members, with the annual prize-giving. A small problem of the engraver being closed for stocktaking on the day we intended to pick up the trophies meant the trophies themselves weren't presented, however Hon Peter Salmon was able to congratulate each winner regardless. Of those who weren't present on the night, Allan Duffy earned the

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Above and left >
From catches lodged on the OBC's site at www.fishingcomp.co.nz the OBC Longest Fish award for a fish caught in the club year was Harrison Vaughan's 87cm snapper (Outboarder, March 2023 issue).



"Bill goes far beyond the call, puts an enormous amount of time and energy into the Club, don't know how he manages it," said Commodore Allen of Guy Heinrich Cup (Assistance to the Club) recipient Bill McGarry.

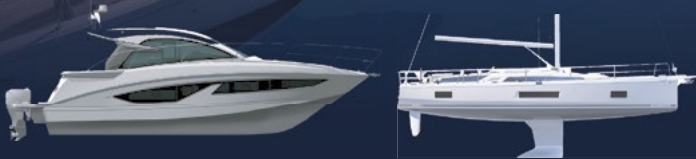


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Norwich Wintertur Cup for services to safety at sea, and the Volunteer Award went to Graham Waters.

Bill McGarry presented a Property report, giving a brief update on progress with Stages 1, 2 and 3 of our planned infrastructure works as required to renew our Resource Consent. We have also lodged Building Consent for these works. Further details of activities and development of the Club had been well covered in the recent SGM, and it was deemed unnecessary to go over all this again. Commodore Allen advised that a further SGM will be held shortly, where members will be presented with various options and costings for the clubhouse.

All items regarding Hakumau Reserve are now agreed with Auckland Council, and the one question from the floor: 'what is the time frame for the fencing, hopefully before November?' was responded to by the Commodore with "Definitely, things

are moving quickly, work is starting in the next couple of weeks."

Fraser Elder continues as OBC delegate to the AYBA, although the Commodore did comment that "I sense Fraser is ready to pass it on to someone else." Commodore Allen also recognised Fraser's thorough work proofreading the Outboarder prior to print.

Fraser's presentation on behalf of the AYBA reiterated last year's regarding the ongoing potential haul-out issues. With the closing of Pier 21, Little Shoal Bay and The Landing weighed against Biosecurity's new rules re anti-fouling, there is real pressure on launch and yacht owners' ability to clean their hulls. Auckland Council is also introducing new measures to control weed and slime growth on vessels in their control zone.

Fraser encouraged members to record their views via Auckland Council's submission process (now closed at time of publication) for The Landing. There was a



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Above and above left > WBSFC Cup for the longest game fish caught during Club year went to Colin Jones for his striped marlin caught solo off the West Coast. The next day Colin caught four more! (Outboarder February 2023)

Left > Karen Foley is presented with the Vice Commodore badge and pennant.

comment from the floor regarding the content of an article in the most recent Boating NZ magazine indicating options and new sites are being developed, "... things perhaps aren't as bad as the AYBA is making out, and there are always two sides to a story." Given the impact of the closures on boaties, no doubt this saga is far from over.

There was no general business, and the Commodore closed the relatively brief meeting at 7.47pm, with thanks to Club management and staff, "they're often the first and only point of contact, and they do a great job", and to Hon Peter Salmon. Most stayed on to chat over a first or second helping of supper, no doubt reluctant to head back out into the rain.

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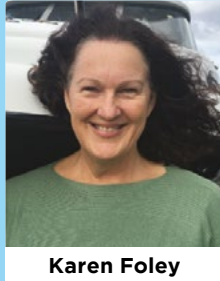
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...meet the 2023/24 Executive Committee members, and the Club's administration and operations team.



Phil Allen

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Karen Foley

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Kevin Best

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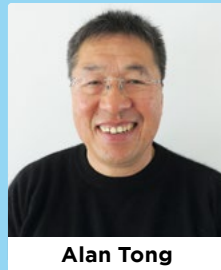
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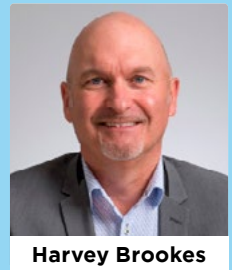
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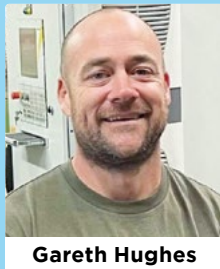
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ON THE CUTTING EDGE

From Jess Van Wyk

Another fantastic night with Victory Knives and the Kai Ika Project on Wednesday September 13, and an amazing turn out of members. We had fish and chips to start the evening off, which was very well subscribed to.

Club Secretary Bill McGarry opened proceedings, thanking members for attending and briefly discussing the ongoing crisis in the Hauraki Gulf. He encouraged members to support and be proactive in their support for change. Gareth Hughes of Victory Knives introduced his company and its long-standing legacy as leaders in its field, along with working closely with the Kai Ika Project.

Dallas Abel, the Kai Ika Project's Project Coordinator, was unfortunately unable to attend this time. In his stead, we were joined by the very capable Katie and Sydney who spoke about the Kai Ika Project and some of the current initiatives in place, along with the awesome work they are doing to help preserve our marine environment. Sydney explained the Hauraki Gulf Alliance and the submissions on the upcoming Section 186A for Great Barrier, Little Barrier, Mokohinaus, Horn Rock, Simpsons Rock, and Trawl Corridors in the Hauraki Gulf. Katie's subject was the problem of the invasive Caulerpa seaweed, now found

around Great Barrier, Great Mercury, Waiheke north side, Kawau shoals, and Rawhiti Peninsula, Bay of Islands.

The demonstration then kicked off with Dave Ahoia on the tools, showing us his brilliant fish filleting skills and the beauty of Victory Knives knives. He really does make it look so easy to fillet a fish cleanly!

Victory Knives full range was available to pick up from Gareth on the evening, with a fair few members taking advantage of the convenience.

As always, the main point of the occasion was: remember to reduce your fish waste. Thanks to LegaSea, the Kai Ika Project was formed, and through Kai Ika the Papatuanuku Kokiri Marae utilises the fish heads, frames and offal we discard into the bins in the filleting station at the OBC. Previously these parts were going to waste, but with your help and careful separation, these fish parts can be used as kai and not wasted.

Kai Ika aims to ensure no part of the fish is wasted. If you are not confident to fillet your fish yourself, the Kai Ika team is at the OBC most weekends (weather dependent) and offers a filleting service for our members (<https://kaiika.co.nz/services/>).

Thank you again to Victory Knives and the team and to LegaSea and Kai Ika.



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From Adam Clancey

WASH FISHING

The Hauraki Gulf is a paradise for anglers seeking thrilling adventures and bountiful catches. With its magnificent vistas and abundant marine life, the Hauraki Gulf offers a unique experience for those who appreciate the art of angling. One of the most exciting and effective fishing techniques employed in this stunning marine environment is soft bait wash fishing.

Soft bait wash fishing is a highly dynamic and versatile method of fishing that has gained immense popularity among both



novice and seasoned anglers. Unlike the more traditional forms of soft baiting, wash fishing involves a very active form of hunting out fish around feeding zones created by wash hitting rocks and reefs. These zones are an oxygen rich environment with plenty of food and areas to lurk to ambush prey. The technique is not only effective but also offers an immersive and challenging experience in the Hauraki Gulf's pristine

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waters. The trick is to cast right into the wash zone, often in water less than a metre deep, and retrieve the lure with short erratic twitches while letting it sink deeper as it gets away from the wash into deeper water. Strikes when wash fishing are often savage and unexpected, as large snapper will hunt right in the wash, well up in the water column.

The best rig for wash fishing is a powerful casting rod suited to larger soft baits and jig heads in excess of 1 oz, matched with a 4000-size spin reel spooled with braid up to 15kg and leaders of around the same weight, depending on how foul the terrain is. The choice of head weights, as in most soft baiting, is dictated by the conditions, size of lure and speed of retrieve. Here is where experience in balancing the rig gives the angler the ability to do controlled depth fishing keeping the lure in the strike zone longer. The favoured lures are jerk shads and paddle tails in the 5-9in size range. Good colours are pearl white, orange and natural bait fish.

The Hauraki Gulf's intricate topography and ever-changing tidal currents add an extra layer of complexity and excitement to soft bait wash fishing. Anglers must be attuned to the tides and currents, as these factors influence the behaviour of both predator and prey fish. The Gulf's numerous reefs and shallow underwater structures provide ideal habitats for fish, making it essential for anglers to have a deep understanding of the local underwater geography. Good sounders are worth their weight in gold.

Soft baiting also requires precision and finesse. Anglers need to cast their soft baits with accuracy into the wash zones, looking for gutters or shadow lines where fish may be waiting in ambush. Wash fishing is good for conservation-minded anglers who are

looking to battle with trophy size snapper. Catching big fish in shallow water on lures allows fish to be caught and released without risk of the barotrauma that is common with fish caught in deeper water.

The sense of anticipation that comes with soft baiting in the Hauraki Gulf is truly exhilarating. As anglers cast their soft baits into the foaming wash, they watch closely for any subtle movements or changes in the line that signal a fish taking the bait. The moment a fish strikes is a heart-pounding experience, and the ensuing battle to reel it in is both physically demanding and mentally rewarding. With its diverse range of locations, challenging conditions, and breathtaking scenery, the Gulf is a true haven for those who seek to test their angling prowess and connect with nature.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting held August 30, 2023, with seven Executive Committee members present and General Manager Phil Davenport.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We had one incident where a Club member disembarking off her launch slipped on some through rods left on the Marina walkway by the refurbishment contractor and fell headfirst into the water. She was assisted out by the nearby workers, no injuries but upset. Full investigation by Phil Davenport and action taken. GM's Health and Safety report accepted as read.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting dated July 26, 2023, as amended, were approved.

FINANCIALS

The OBC and Whakatakataka Bay financial reports for the month ended July 31, 2023, as presented and circulated were approved.

OPERATIONS REPORT

The operations report had been circulated and was accepted as read. Discussion:

- The piles to mark the Ngapipi Road reef have been installed.
- Dinghy lockers have been relocated to the eastern seawall.
- Refurbishment work is complete on E and F Marinas; G and B are next on the programme.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY AND PLANNING: Bill McGarry updated the Committee on progress with stage 1. Documentation has been lodged for building consent. The SGM approved the Executive Committee to spend up to \$2,000,000 plus GST on Stages 1, 2 and 3. Planned

start date is after Labour weekend.

New clubhouse preliminary options were discussed at the SGM. Further information to follow.

MARKETING, PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS: No major events until September.

MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Minutes of meeting held August 15, 2023, accepted and taken as read, good progress on refurbishment of E and F Marinas.

MEMBERSHIP

New members: 7 Resignations: 5
Total membership 26/08/23: 1837 actual members

MARINA BERTH TRANSFERS

Nil for period

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **CELL TOWER (AOTEAROA TOWERS GROUP LP):** The Club has been approached to relocate the existing cellphone tower (currently on railway lease land) onto our land and a 35-year lease is sought. We have engaged Seagers Valuers to assist in determining a fair market rental.
- **AUDITOR:** We have decided to stay with UHY Norton for the next financial year.
- **GEOTECH REPORT FOR FUTURE CLUBHOUSE:** The issue with the clubhouse revolves around the pile foundations. We have been advised to seek a comprehensive report on the material in the area of the clubhouse. Soil and Rock is undertaking this work which will potentially require a hole being drilled up to 36 metres

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deep. The cost of this investigation is \$25,800 plus GST.

MOTION: That the Executive Committee authorises the General Manager to accept the quote from Soil and Rock Engineering in the sum of \$25,800 plus GST for Geotechnical Investigation.

BATKIN / URBAN CARRIED

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25

OBC members are welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings at 7.00pm, and may address the Committee on any one specific topic until 7.15pm. Outside of this time, members may be present as observers but cannot speak to any subjects raised.

COOK THE CATCH

WHOLE BARBECUED

Fish with **SOUR-ORANGE GLAZE**

INGREDIENTS

1 large snapper (about 1.6kg), cleaned, refrigerated uncovered overnight on a wire rack to dry skin

Grapeseed oil or other neutral oil, for brushing

2 oranges, quartered, to serve

SOUR-ORANGE GLAZE

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METHOD

1. Preheat a barbeque to high.
2. For sour-orange glaze, combine ingredients in a saucepan over medium heat and simmer until thickened slightly (about 5 minutes). Keep warm.
3. Wipe out fish cavity, brush skin liberally with oil and season with salt. Place fish on hot barbeque and grill, without turning, until fish is half-cooked and skin is golden (7-8 minutes). Turn over fish using spatulas, then baste cooked side with glaze several times while other side cooks through (7-8 mins; the fish is done when flesh gives when pressed and is white around the head, the thickest part of the fish).
4. Meanwhile, grill orange quarters on the barbecue (1-2 minutes each side).
5. Carefully transfer fish to a serving platter, then pour remaining glaze over fish. Scatter with orange quarters and serve with rice Mexicana (www.gourmettraveller.com.au/recipes/chefs-recipes/rice-mexicana-18075).

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INDUSTRY TRANSFORMATION PLAN

The final Fisheries Industry Transformation Plan was released on August 7. NZSFC issued a press release on August 8, titled 'Government Fishing Plan Ignores Public Outrage.' Read the article here: <https://legasea.co.nz/2023/08/08/government-fishing-plan-ignores-public-outrage>



AOTEA GREAT BARRIER ISLAND CLOSURE

An application for a two-year temporary closure under Section 186A was submitted to FNZ on August 21, by Motairehe Marae Trust. NZSFC, LegaSea and New Zealand Angling and Casting Association have opposed this after feedback from clubs. Concerns raised by clubs adjacent to this requested closure include:

1. Denial of public access: The closure could deny public access to the area.
2. Impact on fishing effort: Without a plan to reduce catch limits, this closure may displace existing fishing efforts into other areas, affecting Hauraki Gulf,

Coromandel, Bay of Plenty, and East Northland.

3. Lack of depletion address: The closure does not address depletion issues.
4. Possible opposition: It is anticipated that other groups and commercial fishers may oppose this application, though no feedback has been received from FNZ yet.

Read the opposing submission here: <https://www.nzsportfishing.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Aotea-s186A-submission-recreational-21-Aug-2023.pdf> (or search 'Aotea s186A submission' on the NZSFC website).

CAULERPA SPREAD DISCUSSIONS

In August 2023, there were three hui meetings held to address the spread of caulerpa, an invasive seaweed, particularly along the northeast coast. Biosecurity NZ is still in the process of determining an appropriate and financially feasible response plan.

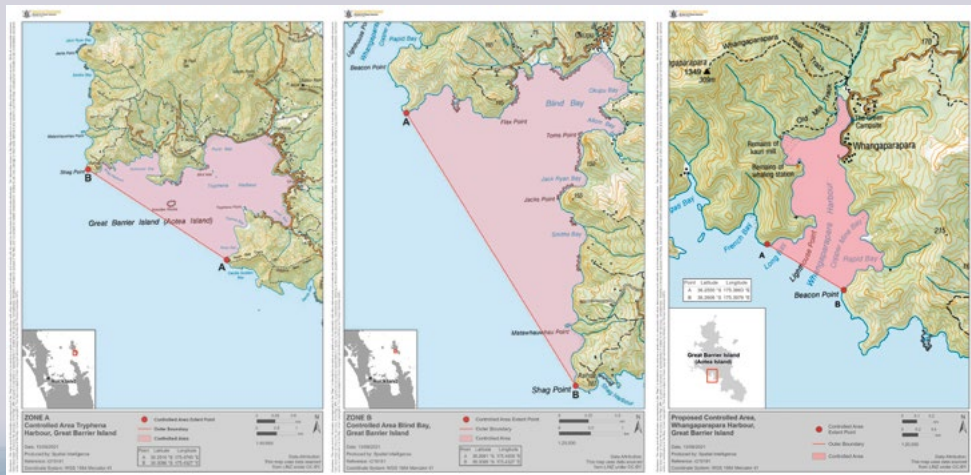
Key points of interest include:

1. Ngāti Manuhiri Roadshow Hui: These gatherings occurred in Bay of Islands, Auckland, and Whitianga on August 5, 7, and 9, respectively.
2. Waiheke - rāhui imposed: A rāhui was established on the north side of Waiheke Island, extending 1.0 nautical miles from the coastline, restricting activities such as anchoring, diving, and fishing.
3. Aotea Great Barrier biomass control trial: A suction dredging trial to control caulerpa biomass is scheduled to commence in early September.
4. Kawau caulerpa removal trial: A trial

for the removal of caulerpa around Kawau Island was expected to begin on August 14.

5. Controlled Area Notices: These notices prohibit diving, fishing, and anchoring in specific areas, including Aotea Great Barrier Island, Ahuahu Great Mercury Island, and Te Rāwhiti Inlet in the Bay of Islands.

NZSFC has taken a strong interest in this issue and has been keeping it front and centre with the relevant Government agencies. This is a critical issue, as the invasive seaweed has the potential to affect both the ecosystem and our access to the best boating and fishing locations. We will keep you posted on developments. What can you do to help in the meantime? Respect the rāhui and CANs, and learn to identify caulerpa so you can report it if spotted – refer to the cover story of this Outboarder issue.



Aotea Great Barrier
CAN Zone A.

Aotea Great Barrier
CAN Zone B.

Whangaparapara Harbour/
Great Barrier Island CAN Zone C.

Vale

BARRY THOMPSON

THE SUDDEN DEATH OF OUR POWERBOAT HERO!

From Doug Dukeson

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing, on Friday September 8, of industry stalwart and friend, Barry Thompson. Wow, what can you say... I, like most, have been taken by surprise by our loss and personally, have been an emotional mess for days. I was totally blown away by the numbers of calls from the industry and mates for the first couple of days and days following.

Everyone had a very different relationship with Barry... but he was a friend always to most. To me, he was many things: a friend, a business partner, a councillor and an inspiration, but most of all, a good mate. And after working together for 35 years, one could not be anything else but a great mate - with the past 26 years tied as business partners, I cannot think of another business partnership in the marine industry that comes near this.

We had many laughs and fun along the way, visiting boat shows around the world, with Sydney this year being my first without him in 26 years. There could be many stories to be told, in fact a book on our adventures could easily be written, but that might get a few in trouble!

Many did not know, but Barry had been wanting to enjoy a little more R&R time and to be freed up from the business after 50 years of tickling his marine keyboard. About this time last year, Carla (my wife) and I agreed to purchase Barry's half of the business. For the last



Barry in his happy place – on a boat, on the water.

six months he had been enjoying a little more freedom and less responsibility in running the magazine. He would often call me while out fishing - ribbing me, that he was poaching fish from my side of the peninsula, in Arkles Bay!

Barry passed away on the morning of September 8, with his mind again clearly focused on one of his passions. He had prepared his boat and loaded the fishing gear, ready to go out to his happy place.

Barry loved his wife and family, along with travelling and boat shows, he loved boats and everything about them, and with 50 years plus 'playing' with them, reviewing them, racing them, no one knew more. He is

undoubtedly our lifetime's PowerBoat guru - and will be sadly missed by the industry, our readers, friends and family.

We will feature a full story in the upcoming November/December issue of Powerboat magazine, of Barry's milestones, adventures, accomplishments and what he has done for the marine industry.

Rest in Peace, Barry

A MIXED TRIBUTE FROM OTHERS IN THE INDUSTRY

A little more about Barry, our PowerBoat legend and his last 50 years. Until recently, the co-publisher and editor of Powerboat and Alloy Boat was a familiar sight at boat shows, factories, and international marine industry events.

His relaxed persona was a testament to his humble nature, even though many would say that his industry and product knowledge surpassed that of most others in the industry.

In 2009, Barry was inducted into the New Zealand Boat Show Hall of Fame by the Hutchwilco Boat Show, for his services to the industry, where he had been helping to promote the event and the marine industry for almost 40 years. It was said that "In that time, he has probably spent more time afloat, in boats of all sizes, than any other member of the industry."

Barry first entered the marine industry working under the great John Malitte at the New Zealand Herald. Since then, the magazines he has worked on read like a

history of marine publishing over many decades: Seaspray, Powerboat, Nautical News, Boating World, NZ Fisherman, and more recently, with his good mate Doug Dukeson, Propeller, Alloy Boat and Pacific Powerboat Magazines.

Barry had also been a keen participant in and supporter of powerboat racing in New Zealand, and it would probably be fair to say that no one has done more to promote the sport than Barry. Barry and his good mate Glen Urquhart were the only kiwis to have won a UIM World Powerboat Championship, achieving the title in Guernsey in 1986.

Without a doubt, Barry has written more boat tests and done more to promote powerboating than anyone else in New Zealand.

Locally, he was revered for his promotion of New Zealand overseas, introduced engine shoot-outs, and was instrumental in making offshore powerboat racing a safer sport.

Barry's early years saw him confront some significant challenges after an offshore accident in 1986, where he sustained serious injuries. The strength and fortitude of the man were evident when, within a month, he was back to writing, and within a year, he was back behind the wheel of another race boat.

Barry is a loss to our industry, and his absence will be deeply felt.

Our condolences go out to Barry's family, friends, and business colleagues around the world.

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MONDAY OCTOBER 9

OBC Marina Annual General Meeting

Marina berth owners and tenants should have this date on their calendar. Come along and hear what's been happening, what's planned, and take the opportunity to share your thoughts.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 17

Whakatataka Bay Sport Fishing Club AGM and Prize-giving

Everyone welcome including prospective members – come to the AGM, discover the benefits of membership and find out what the WBSFC is all about.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20

OBC Fish & Chip Friday

Come on down to the club and bring your family and friends. You'll enjoy great fish and chips and awesome company. Kitchen is open between 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1

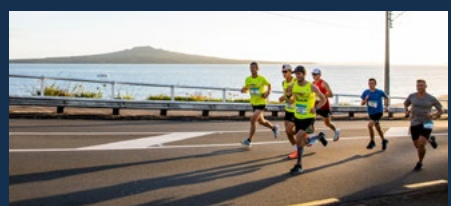
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This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about emergency flares and includes the option to activate a flare in a safe, controlled environment. Always well subscribed (as in – sold out!), head to the OBC website to register your interest. The Flare Demo runs from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3

OBC Kid's Christmas Party

A popular and fun day out for the family – especially the younger kids! Lunch, a pressie from Santa, and entertainment, register your children/grandchildren now. See page 6 for details.



OTHER EVENTS/ ROAD CLOSURES

Sunday October 29: AUCKLAND MARATHON - Road closures around the north shore, downtown and waterfront areas including Tamaki Drive, which will be closed between 4.00am and 1.00pm. Please refer to emails for impact on Club access during this event.

Sunday November 5: PEOPLE'S TRIATHLON - Tamaki Drive closed from Ngapipi Road east to Long Drive, 7.00am to 11.30am.

Dates and events are subject to change. Please read weekly email newsletter in case of last minute event cancellation... or alternatively phone the OBC to confirm. If you are able to assist with any OBC event, please contact the office on 522 0774, email events@obc.co.nz



OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 0928/2150	2 1016/2239	3 1103/2327	4 1150 OBC MEMBERS MORNING TEA 1000HRS	5 0015/1238	6 0104/1329	7 0155/1424
8 0250/1524	9 0349/1625 OBC MARINA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	10 0450/1721 OBC NEW MEMBERS NIGHT 1800HRS	11 0548/1811	12 0640/1856 OUTBOARDER DEADLINE	13 0726/1937	14 0807/2016
15 0846/2054 Orakei Basin flushing out 7.30pm 3.1m	16 0923/2132	17 1001/2212 OBC MARINA MGMT COMM MEETING 1600HRS WBSFC AGM & PRIZE-GIVING 1900HRS Orakei Basin flushing in 11.00am 3.1m	18 1040/2253	19 1121/2337	20 1206 	21 0024/1256
22 0115/1352	23 0211/1455	24 0314/1559	25 0422/1702 OBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 1900HRS	26 0529/1800	27 0630/1855	28 0727/1948
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Sprat Chat

LAUGH LINES

Q: How do shellfish take photos?

A: With a clam-era.



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MARINA BERTH 12m, G25, for rent. Berth incl fenders. One year term, available now, \$130/week. Enquiries by email only, to Chris, c.cornthwaite@gmail.com

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Yeti crabs

The tiny yeti crab's official name is *Kiwa hirsuta*. *Kiwa* was the name of the Polynesian goddess of shellfish. *Hirsuta* refers to the crab's hairiness.

A deep-sea creature, yeti crabs stay warm by living close to hydrothermal vents, with up to 600 crabs per square metre.

Living solely in the dark, the yeti crab appears white as it has no colour pigment. It is also virtually blind.

With their hairy pincer arms the crabs capture bacteria that live and grow on them. The bacteria are thought to be the crab's primary food source.

The bacteria may also filter toxic fluids from volcanic vents, or act as 'sensors' to aid the yeti crab to find a mate.



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